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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Except where otherwise specified employment figures contained in this Bulletin are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production, and returns from Governmental Authorities, together with Pay-roll Tax returns. Pay-roll tax returns at present cover approximately 75 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed and are lodged by all employers paying more than £120 per week in wages (other than certain Commonwealth Government Authorities, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organisations specifically exempted under the Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1954). This Act when originally introduced in 1941 required employers paying wages of more than £20 per week to lodge returns. The exemption limit was raised to £80 per week from 1st October, 1953. Prior to 1st September, 1954, when the present exemption limit was introduced, employment recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns covered approximately 80 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" used herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.

# PREFACE

The figures relating to employment published in this Bulletin are estimates. The census of June, 1954, may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revision will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 6. Some revisions will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 7 and 8. Tables showing employment in individual classes of factory are not published pending review.

Call-ups for short periods of National Service Training have occurred from time to time since August, 1951, and other variations occur in numbers of personnel in the Services. These are shown in item 4 below and in Table 2 page 2 thereof. Relevant figures are as follows:-

## AUSTRALIA : (Thousands) (EXCLUDING employees in Rural Industries and Private Domestic Service)

	1955		1956				
	May	June	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
<b>MALES</b>							
1. In Private Employment	1398.5	1401.4	1421.3	1421.2	1424.3	1424.5	1421.1
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	30.8	30.8	31.1	31.1	31.3	31.6	31.7
Other	129.9	130.0	130.7	130.2	130.2	130.4	130.6
State and Semi-Governmental	371.8	373.3	371.4	373.1	374.6	376.5	377.2
Local Authorities	64.5	65.0	64.5	64.9	*65.4	*65.5	65.5
2. Total Governmental	597.0	599.1	597.7	599.3	*601.5	*604.0	605.0
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	1995.5	2000.5	2019.0	2020.5	*2025.8	*2028.5	2026.1
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	59.1	57.7	60.1	58.4	58.9	58.6	57.3
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2054.6	2058.2	2079.1	2078.9	*2084.7	*2087.1	2083.4
<b>FEMALES</b>							
1. In Private Employment	615.4	615.7	632.1	633.5	631.0	630.9	629.1
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	6.9	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.4
Other	36.9	37.3	38.8	38.6	38.7	38.8	38.7
State and Semi-Governmental	72.2	72.7	75.2	76.9	77.3	77.6	77.8
Local Authorities	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.1
2. Total Governmental	121.8	122.8	127.3	128.7	129.3	129.7	130.0
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	737.2	738.5	759.4	762.2	760.3	760.6	759.1
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and Oversea)	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0
5. Total, Civilian Employees and Defence Forces	739.3	740.6	761.4	764.1	762.2	762.6	761.1
<b>PERSONS</b>							
1. In Private Employment	2013.9	2017.1	2053.4	2054.7	2055.3	2055.4	2050.2
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	37.7	37.8	38.3	38.3	38.6	38.9	39.1
Other	166.8	167.3	169.5	168.8	168.9	169.2	169.3
State and Semi-Governmental	444.0	446.0	446.6	450.0	451.9	454.1	455.0
Local Authorities	70.3	70.8	70.6	70.9	*71.4	*71.5	71.6
2. Total Governmental	718.8	721.9	725.0	728.0	*730.0	*733.7	735.0
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2732.7	2739.0	2778.4	2782.7	*2786.1	*2789.1	2785.2
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	61.2	59.8	62.1	60.3	60.8	60.6	59.3
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2793.9	2798.8	2840.5	2843.0	*2846.9	*2849.7	2844.5

(a) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production. (b) Excludes rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training but includes non-enlisted personnel. \*Revised.

TABLE 1 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1882.4	1947.3	(a) 1996.0	675.3	709.1	738.7	2557.7	2656.4	(a) 2734.7
August	1886.2	1949.3	1999.6	677.5	710.5	740.9	2563.7	2659.8	2740.5
September	1890.3	1953.1	2003.3	681.5	714.6	743.9	2571.8	2667.7	2747.2
October	1897.8	1955.2	2001.9	686.3	718.7	747.8	2584.1	2673.9	2749.7
November	1906.6	1964.8	2012.6	694.6	727.5	756.1	2601.2	2692.3	2768.7
December	1910.8	1969.0	2013.1	701.3	731.9	758.2	2612.1	2700.9	2771.3
January	1912.3	1968.1	(a) 1990.9	697.7	724.2	752.2	2610.0	2692.3	(a) 2743.1
February	1920.4	1977.4	2019.0	701.3	732.8	759.4	2621.7	2710.2	2778.4
March	1931.3	1986.3	2020.5	707.9	737.5	762.2	2639.2	2723.8	2782.7
April	1936.1	1990.9	* 2025.8	707.5	736.0	760.3	2643.6	2726.9	* 2786.1
May	1941.9	1995.5	* 2028.5	707.3	737.2	760.6	2649.2	2732.7	* 2789.1
June	1948.4	2000.5	2026.1	707.5	738.5	759.1	2655.9	2739.0	2785.2

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. \* Revised.

TABLE 2 : DEFENCE FORCES - AUSTRALIA

(Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp) (a)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	66.0	61.5	59.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	68.0	63.5	62.0
August	65.5	61.5	60.2	2.0	2.0	2.2	67.5	63.5	62.4
September	62.8	60.8	60.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	64.8	62.9	62.2
October	62.5	60.5	60.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	64.5	62.6	62.0
November	57.0	52.5	51.9	2.0	2.1	2.0	59.0	54.6	53.9
December	52.5	50.1	49.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	54.5	52.1	51.8
January	62.7	60.1	59.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	64.7	62.1	61.9
February	62.3	60.1	60.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	64.3	62.2	62.1
March	61.3	57.9	58.4	1.9	2.1	1.9	63.2	60.0	60.3
April	59.8	58.9	58.9	2.0	2.1	1.9	61.8	61.0	60.8
May	61.0	59.1	58.6	1.9	2.1	2.0	62.9	61.2	60.6
June	60.1	57.7	57.3	2.0	2.1	2.0	62.1	59.8	59.3

(a) Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

TABLE 3 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1948.4	2008.8	(a) 2055.9	677.3	711.1	740.8	2625.7	2719.9	(a) 2796.7
August	1951.7	2010.8	2059.8	679.5	712.5	743.1	2631.2	2723.3	2802.9
September	1953.1	2013.9	2063.4	683.5	716.7	746.0	2636.6	2730.6	2809.4
October	1960.3	2015.7	2061.9	688.3	720.8	749.8	2648.6	2736.5	2811.7
November	1963.6	2017.3	2064.5	696.6	729.6	758.1	2660.2	2746.9	2822.6
December	1963.3	2019.1	2062.9	703.3	733.9	760.2	2666.6	2753.0	2823.1
January	1975.0	2028.2	(a) 2050.8	699.7	726.2	754.2	2674.7	2754.4	(a) 2805.0
February	1982.7	2037.5	2079.1	703.3	734.9	761.4	2686.0	2772.4	2840.5
March	1992.6	2044.2	2078.9	709.8	739.6	764.1	2702.4	2783.8	2843.0
April	1995.9	2049.8	* 2084.7	709.5	738.1	762.2	2705.4	2787.9	* 2846.9
May	2002.9	2054.6	* 2087.1	709.2	739.3	762.6	2712.1	2793.9	* 2849.7
June	2008.5	2058.2	2083.4	709.5	740.6	761.1	2718.0	2798.8	2844.5

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. \* Revised.

TABLE 4 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA  
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month		Civilian Employees (excl. Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)								Defence Forces (b)	
		Males			Females			Persons			
		Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment		Total
1939	July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	12.9
1941	July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	284.6
1942	June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	634.0
1943	June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	729.0
1944	June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	704.4
1945	June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	648.9
1946	June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	143.4
1947	June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	54.0
1948	June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	39.3
1949	May (c)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	33.6
1950	June	554.3	1,304.4	1,858.7	107.7	580.5	688.2	662.0	1,884.9	2,546.9	33.7
1951	June	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	113.9	604.9	718.8	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	44.3
1952	June (d)	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	115.3	564.1	679.4	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	69.4
1953	June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
1954	June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
1955	June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
1954	May	580.0	1,361.9	1,941.9	114.6	592.7	707.3	694.6	1,954.6	2,649.2	62.9
	June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
	July	582.1	1,365.2	1,947.3	115.4	593.7	709.1	697.5	1,958.9	2,656.4	63.5
	August	582.4	1,366.9	1,949.3	116.0	594.5	710.5	698.4	1,961.4	2,659.8	63.5
	Sept.	581.9	1,371.2	1,953.1	116.1	598.5	714.6	698.0	1,969.7	2,667.7	62.9
	Oct.	581.1	1,374.1	1,955.2	116.5	602.2	718.7	697.6	1,976.3	2,673.9	62.6
	Nov.	583.6	1,381.2	1,964.8	117.0	610.5	727.5	700.6	1,991.7	2,692.3	54.6
	Dec.	584.7	1,384.3	1,969.0	116.3	615.6	731.9	701.0	1,999.9	2,700.9	52.1
1955	Jan.	585.8	1,382.3	1,968.1	116.2	608.0	724.2	702.0	1,990.3	2,692.3	62.1
	Feb.	589.2	1,388.2	1,977.4	119.3	613.5	732.8	708.5	2,001.7	2,710.2	62.2
	March	592.4	1,393.9	1,986.3	121.3	616.2	737.5	713.7	2,010.1	2,723.8	60.0
	April	595.4	1,395.5	1,990.9	121.4	614.6	736.0	716.8	2,010.1	2,726.9	61.0
	May	597.0	1,398.5	1,995.5	121.8	615.4	737.2	718.8	2,013.9	2,732.7	61.2
	June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
	July (e)	596.1	1,399.9	1,996.0	123.6	615.1	738.7	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	62.0
	August	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	124.2	616.7	740.9	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	62.4
	Sept.	597.7	1,405.6	2,003.3	123.7	620.2	743.9	721.4	2,025.8	2,747.2	62.2
	Oct.	595.2	1,406.7	2,001.9	124.0	623.8	747.8	719.2	2,030.5	2,749.7	62.0
	Nov.	595.4	1,417.2	2,012.6	124.9	631.2	756.1	720.3	2,048.4	2,768.7	53.9
	Dec.	596.5	1,416.6	2,013.1	124.0	634.2	758.2	720.5	2,050.8	2,771.3	51.8
1956	Jan. (e)	595.5	1,395.4	1,990.9	123.9	628.3	752.2	719.4	2,023.7	2,743.1	61.9
	Feb.	597.7	1,421.3	2,019.0	127.3	632.1	759.4	725.0	2,053.4	2,778.4	62.1
	March	599.3	1,421.2	2,020.5	128.7	633.5	762.2	728.0	2,054.7	2,782.7	60.3
	April*	601.5	1,424.3	2,025.8	129.3	631.0	760.3	730.8	2,055.3	2,786.1	60.8
	May*	604.0	1,424.5	2,028.5	129.7	630.9	760.6	733.7	2,055.4	2,789.1	60.6
	June	605.0	1,421.1	2,026.1	130.0	629.1	759.1	735.0	2,050.2	2,785.2	59.3

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (b) Includes members of Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded. (c) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (d) See Preface on page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in numbers of Defence Forces and Trainees since August, 1951. (e) Affected by industrial disputes. \* Revised.

TABLE 5 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, JUNE, 1956

## STATES AND TERRITORIES

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt.		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total								
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	P
New South Wales	9.7	1.1	45.6	14.1	55.3	15.2	134.7	26.2	26.7	2.8	216.7	44.2	260.9
Victoria	16.4	5.2	34.3	11.0	50.7	16.2	96.4	24.2	13.1	1.5	160.2	41.9	202.1
Queensland	1.2	0.2	16.6	4.5	17.8	4.7	56.3	7.7	17.0	1.0	91.1	13.4	104.5
South Australia	3.4	0.7	12.3	2.9	15.7	3.6	38.4	9.5	3.0	0.3	57.1	13.4	70.5
West. Australia	0.7	0.1	8.3	2.1	9.0	2.2	37.7	6.5	3.5	0.3	50.2	9.0	59.2
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.2	1.2	4.3	1.3	13.7	3.7	2.2	0.2	20.2	5.2	25.4
Northern Terr.	0.1	-	2.4	0.6	2.5	0.6	-	-	-	-	2.5	0.6	3.1
Aust. Cap. Terr.	0.1	-	6.9	2.3	7.0	2.3	-	-	-	-	7.0	2.3	9.3
Total, June, 1956	31.7	7.4	130.6	38.7	162.3	46.1	377.2	77.8	65.5	6.1	605.0	130.0	735.0
Total,*May, 1956	31.6	7.3	130.4	38.8	162.0	46.1	376.5	77.6	65.5	6.0	604.0	129.7	733.7

(a) See note (a) to Table 4 on previous page.

\* Revised

TABLE 6 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - STATES AND TERRITORIES

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

State or Territory	May, 1949 (a)	June, 1950	June, 1951	June, 1952	June, 1953	June, 1954	June, 1955	May, 1956	June, 1956
MALES									
New South Wales	721.4	740.8	758.2	754.4	734.3	758.1	779.2	788.6	787.8
Victoria	489.3	510.7	525.8	524.4	521.6	539.7	556.7	565.6	564.4
Queensland	239.8	250.4	259.3	258.1	255.2	263.7	272.0	*274.7	276.0
South Australia	155.0	165.7	170.0	171.5	170.6	176.0	178.7	184.9	184.5
West. Australia	112.8	120.5	125.3	126.0	130.2	135.0	136.4	136.2	135.5
Tasmania	57.4	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.8	64.0	65.0	64.4
Northern Terr.	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.0
Aust. Cap. Terr.	7.2	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.5	8.5
Australia:	1787.1	1858.7	1911.5	1908.1	1886.8	1948.4	2000.5	*2028.5	2026.1
FEMALES									
New South Wales	269.9	278.5	290.9	270.5	266.2	279.5	292.5	300.7	300.2
Victoria	202.5	210.0	219.6	206.6	205.9	217.7	227.0	233.4	233.2
Queensland	80.1	83.1	86.1	83.8	83.7	86.1	89.3	91.0	91.2
South Australia	52.2	54.3	57.0	54.9	53.4	56.9	60.2	63.3	62.9
West. Australia	37.8	39.9	41.6	40.5	41.0	42.8	43.9	45.0	44.6
Tasmania	18.8	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1	21.0	21.7	23.0	22.8
Northern Terr.	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1
Aust. Cap. Terr.	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.1
Australia:	664.1	688.2	718.8	679.4	673.7	707.5	738.5	760.6	759.1
PERSONS									
New South Wales	991.3	1019.3	1049.1	1024.9	1000.5	1037.6	1071.7	1089.3	1088.0
Victoria	691.8	720.7	745.4	731.0	727.5	757.4	783.7	799.0	797.6
Queensland	319.9	333.5	345.4	341.9	338.9	349.8	361.3	*365.7	367.2
South Australia	207.2	220.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	232.9	238.9	248.2	247.4
West. Australia	150.6	160.4	166.9	166.5	171.2	177.8	180.3	181.2	180.1
Tasmania	76.2	77.8	80.5	80.8	81.9	83.8	85.7	88.0	87.2
Northern Terr.	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.1
Aust. Cap. Terr.	9.3	9.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	11.6	11.6	11.6
Australia:	2451.2	2546.9	2630.3	2587.5	2560.5	2655.9	2739.0	*2789.1	2785.2

(a) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949.

\* Revised.

## II : EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

TABLE 7 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS  
STATES - JUNE, 1956.

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)  
(Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (f)
<b>MALES</b>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.4	5.8	6.0	1.8	2.5	2.1	26.9
Mining and Quarrying	29.4	4.8	9.8	1.7	7.9	3.0	57.3
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	294.1	227.2	75.3	70.3	35.0	20.3	722.2
Other (b)	27.6	19.0	10.6	2.5	2.5	0.6	64.1
<b>Total Manufacturing:</b>	<b>321.7</b>	<b>246.2</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>786.3</b>
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	76.4	53.6	36.3	21.6	14.9	8.8	214.6
Shipping and Stevedoring	16.9	11.3	8.9	6.1	4.9	2.5	50.6
Rail and Air Transport	39.8	22.2	22.9	10.1	11.1	2.6	109.1
Other Transport and Communication	61.0	38.6	23.9	12.8	9.1	4.5	150.7
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	24.0	18.5	8.4	5.2	3.9	1.5	61.7
Retail Trade	50.5	37.8	15.8	12.4	9.5	3.6	129.9
Wholesale and Other Commerce	51.1	43.2	21.7	15.3	14.7	4.6	151.0
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	36.9	28.6	11.6	8.0	7.4	3.8	100.6
Other Industries (g)	71.7	53.8	24.8	16.7	12.1	6.5	187.4
<b>TOTAL MALES:</b>	<b>787.8</b>	<b>564.4</b>	<b>276.0</b>	<b>184.5</b>	<b>135.5</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>2,026.1</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	97.5	89.4	14.2	16.1	6.0	5.1	228.3
Other (b)	1.0	2.4	2.9	0.1	0.9	-	7.4
<b>Total Manufacturing:</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>91.8</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>235.7</b>
Rail and Air Transport	4.0	2.1	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.6
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.)	11.7	9.5	4.5	2.8	1.5	1.3	31.5
Property and Finance (inc. Banks, etc.)	18.5	11.8	4.7	3.4	2.3	1.0	41.8
Retail Trade	45.5	33.8	16.1	12.8	10.1	4.2	122.9
Wholesale and Other Commerce	17.7	12.5	7.1	4.1	3.6	1.1	46.3
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	11.2	7.2	4.5	1.8	2.0	1.0	29.1
Other Industries (g)	93.1	64.5	35.9	21.1	17.8	9.0	243.2
<b>TOTAL FEMALES:</b>	<b>300.2</b>	<b>233.2</b>	<b>91.2</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>759.1</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.5	5.9	6.0	1.8	2.5	2.1	27.1
Mining and Quarrying	29.8	4.9	10.1	1.8	8.1	3.1	58.5
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	391.6	316.6	89.5	86.4	41.0	25.4	950.5
Other (b)	28.6	21.4	13.5	2.6	3.4	0.6	71.5
<b>Total Manufacturing:</b>	<b>420.2</b>	<b>338.0</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>1,022.0</b>
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	78.7	54.9	36.9	22.1	15.2	8.9	219.7
Shipping and Stevedoring	18.0	11.9	9.2	6.3	5.1	2.6	53.1
Rail and Air Transport	43.8	24.3	24.2	10.8	11.5	2.7	117.7
Other Transport and Communication	71.6	47.5	28.1	15.4	10.4	5.7	179.7
Property and Finance (inc. Banks, etc.)	42.5	30.3	13.1	8.6	6.2	2.5	103.5
Retail Trade	96.0	71.6	31.9	25.2	19.6	7.8	252.8
Wholesale and Other Commerce	68.8	55.7	28.8	19.4	18.3	5.7	197.3
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	48.1	35.8	16.1	9.8	9.4	4.8	129.7
Other Industries (g)	162.0	116.8	59.8	37.2	29.4	15.3	424.1
<b>TOTAL PERSONS:</b>	<b>1,088.0</b>	<b>797.6</b>	<b>367.2</b>	<b>247.4</b>	<b>180.1</b>	<b>87.2</b>	<b>2,785.2</b>

For notes see page 8.

TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

## AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)  
 (Thousands)

Industrial Group	May, 1955	June, 1955	March, 1956	April, 1956	May, 1956	June, 1956
<b>MALES</b>						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.7	26.9	26.9	26.7	26.7	26.9
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.5	7.5	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.6	9.8	10.1	10.1	10.3	10.3
Coal	28.8	28.8	26.7	26.7	26.7	26.9
Other (incl. Quarries)	12.0	12.2	12.4	12.6	12.7	12.7
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	57.9	58.3	56.5	56.8	57.1	57.3
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	713.5	714.5	722.4	723.9	723.1	722.2
Other (b)	62.3	62.7	63.7	63.8	63.9	64.1
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	775.8	777.2	786.1	787.7	787.0	786.3
<u>Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (Privately employed) (c)	91.5	91.9	96.8	97.7	99.5	99.4
Other (d)	119.0	119.9	112.8	*114.2	*114.7	115.2
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	210.5	211.8	209.6	*211.9	*214.2	214.6
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	84.4	84.6	86.4	86.6	86.5	86.2
Shipping and Stevedoring	51.3	51.6	49.6	51.1	51.5	50.6
Rail and Air Transport	108.1	108.5	108.0	108.7	108.8	109.1
Communication	63.9	64.0	64.2	64.3	64.4	64.5
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	307.7	308.7	308.2	310.7	311.2	310.4
<u>Property and Finance, (including Banks and Insurance)</u>						
	59.5	59.6	61.6	61.5	61.6	61.7
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	123.9	124.3	127.8	127.7	126.9	126.8
Primary Produce Agencies	23.6	23.2	24.9	24.6	25.1	24.2
Retail Trade	129.4	129.2	130.5	130.1	130.1	129.9
<u>Total Commerce</u>	276.9	276.7	283.2	282.4	282.1	280.9
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	98.9	99.2	100.0	100.3	100.7	100.6
<u>Other</u>						
Law and Order	20.2	20.3	20.7	20.8	20.9	20.9
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	26.0	26.0	26.8	26.7	26.8	26.8
Education	38.6	38.7	40.7	41.0	41.0	41.0
Other Professional	12.9	12.9	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.5
Entertainment, Sport	18.2	18.5	18.7	18.3	18.4	18.4
Personal Service (e)	54.3	54.3	55.8	55.3	55.1	54.4
<u>Total Other</u>	181.6	182.1	188.4	187.8	187.9	187.4
<u>TOTAL:</u>	1995.5	2000.5	2020.5	*2025.8	*2028.5	2026.1
<b>FEMALES</b>						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	224.8	225.3	230.8	229.4	228.8	228.3
Other (b)	7.2	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.4
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	232.0	232.5	238.3	236.8	236.2	235.7
<u>Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)</u>	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.1
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	8.8	8.9	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.6
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Rail and Air Transport	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.6
Communication	18.6	18.7	19.5	19.5	19.4	19.4
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	38.2	38.4	40.0	40.1	40.2	40.1

For notes see page 8.

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TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

## AUSTRALIA (Continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	May, 1955	June, 1955	March, 1956	April, 1956	May, 1956	June, 1956
FEMALES (Continued)						
Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance)	37.9	38.1	41.8	41.9	41.8	41.8
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	39.3	39.2	41.4	40.7	40.7	40.4
Primary Produce Agencies	5.8	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.0	5.9
Retail Trade	121.6	121.6	123.2	122.7	123.3	122.9
Total Commerce	166.7	166.6	170.4	169.4	170.0	169.2
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	28.4	28.6	28.7	28.8	29.0	29.1
Other -						
Law and Order	9.5	9.5	9.8	9.8	9.8	9.9
Religion and Social Welfare	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	73.0	73.5	76.1	76.7	77.3	77.6
Education	47.8	47.9	50.5	50.6	50.7	50.7
Other Professional	9.6	9.8	10.3	10.2	10.3	10.2
Entertainment, Sport	8.7	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.1	9.1
Personal Service (e)	70.3	69.6	72.0	71.6	70.7	70.2
Total Other	227.9	228.1	236.7	236.9	236.9	236.7
TOTAL:	737.2	738.5	762.2	760.3	760.6	759.1
PERSONS						
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	26.9	27.1	27.1	26.9	26.9	27.1
Mining -						
Gold	7.6	7.6	7.4	7.5	7.6	7.6
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.9	10.1	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.6
Coal	29.0	29.0	26.9	26.9	26.9	27.1
Other (including Quarries)	12.5	12.7	12.9	13.1	13.2	13.2
Total Mining and Quarrying	59.0	59.4	57.6	58.0	58.3	58.5
Manufacturing, etc. -						
Factories (a)	938.3	939.8	953.2	953.3	951.9	950.5
Other (b)	69.5	69.9	71.2	71.2	71.3	71.5
Total Manufacturing	1007.8	1009.7	1024.4	1024.5	1023.2	1022.0
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)						
Building (privately employed) (c)	94.2	94.7	99.6	100.5	102.3	102.2
Other (d)	121.1	122.0	115.0	*116.4	*117.0	117.5
Total Building and Construction	215.3	216.7	214.6	*216.9	*219.3	219.7
Transport and Communication						
Road Transport	93.2	93.5	95.8	96.1	96.1	95.8
Shipping and Stevedoring	53.7	54.0	52.1	53.6	54.0	53.1
Rail and Air Transport	116.5	116.9	116.6	117.3	117.5	117.7
Communication	82.5	82.7	83.7	83.8	83.8	83.9
Total Transport, etc.	345.9	347.1	348.2	350.8	351.4	350.5
Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance)	97.4	97.7	103.4	103.4	103.4	103.5
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	163.2	163.5	169.2	168.4	167.6	167.2
Primary Produce Agencies	29.4	29.0	30.7	30.6	31.1	30.1
Retail Trade	251.0	250.8	253.7	252.8	253.4	252.8
Total Commerce	443.6	443.3	453.6	451.8	452.1	450.1
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	127.3	127.8	128.7	129.1	129.7	129.7
Other -						
Law and Order	29.7	29.8	30.5	30.6	30.7	30.8
Religion and Social Welfare	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	99.0	99.5	102.9	103.4	104.1	104.4
Education	86.4	86.6	91.2	91.6	91.7	91.7
Other Professional	22.5	22.7	24.6	24.5	24.6	24.7
Entertainment, Sport	26.9	27.3	27.7	27.3	27.5	27.5
Personal Service (e)	124.6	123.9	127.8	126.9	125.8	124.6
Total Other	409.5	410.2	425.1	424.7	424.8	424.1
TOTAL:	2732.7	2739.0	2782.7	*2786.1	*2789.1	2785.2

For notes see page 8.

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NOTES TO TABLES 7 AND 8

- (a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Secondary Industries Bulletin. In this connexion, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more persons are employed, or in which power, other than manual, is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc. Revision will be necessary in the estimates herein to numbers of employees in factories since June, 1948, within the above definition. A new series of returns was instituted as from January, 1952, which shows the same approximate trend as the figures herein since that date. A survey of the results obtained from this series is presented in Section III.
- (b) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (a) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- (c) Includes persons employed on private building, and employees of private employers contracting to public authorities, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public authorities on building and maintenance of buildings.
- (e) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestics).
- (f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- (g) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants., excluding female private domestics). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

III. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES

By joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, a regular monthly survey of employment in the larger privately-owned factories of New South Wales and Victoria was instituted in January, 1952. Practically all private factories with 100 or more employees and a large section of those with between 50 and 100 employees were surveyed.

The instruction as to employees to be included in the returns was as follows:-  
 "The number of persons employed is to include all persons on the establishment of the factory who are engaged in the factory or on the factory office staff, providing their employment is directly related to manufacture", and further" ..... the number of males and females (separately) employed in the specified factory or mill. These figures are to include factory office staff, but are to exclude selling and distribution staff." The figures obtained relate to the numbers on the pay-roll as at the last pay-day in the month.

The survey was instituted to provide an earlier indication of trend of private factory employment, month by month, than is available from any other source, and in fact the trends shown in employment in these larger private factories are broadly consonant with those shown in estimates of total private factory employment, derived from Pay-roll Tax Returns, for the periods for which comparisons are available.

Employment in food-processing factories is subject to considerable seasonal variation. In view of this circumstance, the movements in "all factories excluding food factories" are given equal prominence in the tables with those in "all factories surveyed".

The Survey was extended to cover all States with effect from January, 1953. In Bulletins up to and including No. 152, totals were given for the original two States, for the three remaining mainland States and for the five mainland States together. The figures now shown in Tables 9 and 11 are totals for all six States.

An industrial analysis, showing movements in each of eight broad groups, is given in Table 13. In continuation of the earlier practice this table is confined to the five mainland States. At the present stage figures for Tasmania cannot be incorporated into this table in the same detail because of the risk of disclosure of individual factory particulars.

TABLE 9 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

## SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed			Percentage movement since Previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1955 : January	368,069	117,016	485,085	..	..	..
February	372,210	119,410	491,620	+ 1.1	+ 2.0	+ 1.3
March	373,293	119,059	492,352	+ 0.3	- 0.3	+ 0.1
April	373,192	116,257	489,449	-	- 2.4	- 0.6
May	373,921	115,647	489,568	+ 0.2	- 0.5	-
June	376,595	116,065	492,660	+ 0.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
July	377,256	115,364	492,620	+ 0.2	- 0.6	-
August	377,708	115,765	493,473	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
September	378,765	117,023	495,788	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 0.5
October	379,826	117,443	497,269	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
November	380,489	117,240	497,729	+ 0.2	- 0.2	+ 0.1
December	379,042	118,148	497,190	- 0.4	+ 0.8	- 0.1
1956 : January (a)	374,687	116,116	490,803	- 1.1	- 1.7	- 1.3
February	377,073	120,181	497,254	+ 0.6	+ 3.5	+ 1.3
March	376,676	119,850	496,526	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.1
April	377,386	117,420	494,806	+ 0.2	- 2.0	- 0.3
May	376,946	116,378	493,324	- 0.1	- 0.9	- 0.3
June	374,475	115,375	489,850	- 0.7	- 0.9	- 0.7
July	373,190	114,428	487,618	- 0.3	- 0.8	- 0.5

(a) Affected by industrial disputes

TABLE 10 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

## STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed					Percentage movement in employment	
	1955		1956			May, 1956- June, 1956	June, 1956- July, 1956
	June	July	May	June	July		
MALES							
New South Wales	149,115	149,543	150,979	149,358	149,060	- 1.1	- 0.2
Victoria	112,111	111,929	113,005	112,089	110,950	- 0.8	- 1.0
Queensland	42,089	42,888	40,548	41,420	42,660	+ 2.2	+ 3.0
South Australia	42,518	42,349	41,812	41,143	40,410	- 1.6	- 1.8
West. Australia	18,602	18,489	17,821	17,735	17,409	- 0.5	- 1.8
Tasmania	12,160	12,058	12,781	12,730	12,701	- 0.4	- 0.2
TOTAL:	376,595	377,256	376,946	374,475	373,190	- 0.7	- 0.3
FEMALES							
New South Wales	46,175	46,095	45,801	45,386	45,286	- 0.9	- 0.2
Victoria	44,490	44,218	44,937	44,388	43,944	- 1.2	- 1.0
Queensland	8,582	8,682	8,525	8,669	8,604	+ 1.7	- 0.7
South Australia	8,903	8,938	8,842	8,712	8,541	- 1.5	- 2.0
West. Australia	3,747	3,676	3,612	3,557	3,516	- 1.5	- 1.2
Tasmania	4,168	3,755	4,661	4,663	4,537	-	- 2.7
TOTAL:	116,065	115,364	116,378	115,375	114,428	- 0.9	- 0.8
PERSONS							
New South Wales	195,290	195,638	196,780	194,744	194,346	- 1.0	- 0.2
Victoria	156,601	156,147	157,942	156,477	154,894	- 0.9	- 1.0
Queensland	50,671	51,570	49,073	50,089	51,264	+ 2.1	+ 2.3
South Australia	51,421	51,287	50,654	49,855	48,951	- 1.6	- 1.8
West. Australia	22,349	22,165	21,433	21,292	20,925	- 0.7	- 1.7
Tasmania	16,328	15,813	17,442	17,393	17,238	- 0.3	- 0.9
TOTAL:	492,660	492,620	493,324	489,850	487,618	- 0.7	- 0.5

TABLE 11 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES  
SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed, except Food Factories			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1955 January	318,191	99,190	417,381	..	..	..
February	320,062	99,631	419,693	+ 0.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
March	321,610	99,897	421,507	+ 0.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
April	322,079	99,722	421,801	+ 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.1
May	322,301	99,672	421,973	+ 0.1	- 0.1	-
June	323,465	100,169	423,634	+ 0.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
July	323,753	100,156	423,909	+ 0.1	-	+ 0.1
August	323,799	100,442	424,241	-	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
September	324,106	101,497	425,603	+ 0.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.3
October	323,984	101,676	425,660	-	+ 0.2	-
November	324,807	101,602	426,409	+ 0.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
December	325,061	101,114	426,175	+ 0.1	- 0.5	- 0.1
1956 January	325,637	99,268	424,905	+ 0.2	- 1.8	- 0.3
February	325,498	100,524	426,022	-	+ 1.3	+ 0.3
March	325,649	100,976	426,625	-	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
April	326,362	100,561	426,923	+ 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.1
May	325,159	100,153	425,312	- 0.4	- 0.4	- 0.4
June	322,175	99,498	421,673	- 0.9	- 0.7	- 0.9
July	319,860	98,844	418,704	- 0.7	- 0.7	- 0.7

TABLE 12 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES  
STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed excluding Food Factories					Percentage movement in employment	
	1955		1956			May, 1956 - June, 1956	June, 1956 - July, 1956
	June	July	May	June	July		
<u>MALES</u>							
New South Wales	135,323	135,546	137,208	135,752	135,573	- 1.1	- 0.1
Victoria	98,078	98,422	99,300	98,543	97,405	- 0.8	- 1.2
Queensland	25,656	25,601	25,415	25,287	25,258	- 0.5	- 0.1
South Australia	38,134	37,985	37,282	36,700	36,062	- 1.6	- 1.7
West. Australia	16,250	16,132	15,499	15,489	15,135	- 0.1	- 2.3
Tasmania	10,024	10,067	10,455	10,404	10,427	- 0.5	+ 0.2
TOTAL	323,465	323,753	325,159	322,175	319,860	- 0.9	- 0.7
<u>FEMALES</u>							
New South Wales	40,405	40,379	40,096	39,901	39,815	- 0.5	- 0.2
Victoria	39,551	39,541	39,840	39,451	39,069	- 1.0	- 1.0
Queensland	6,833	6,872	6,914	6,882	6,924	- 0.5	+ 0.6
South Australia	7,633	7,683	7,412	7,379	7,194	- 0.4	- 2.5
West. Australia	2,880	2,808	2,763	2,744	2,713	- 0.7	- 1.1
Tasmania	2,867	2,873	3,128	3,141	3,129	+ 0.4	- 0.4
TOTAL	100,169	100,156	100,153	99,498	98,844	- 0.7	- 0.7
<u>PERSONS</u>							
New South Wales	175,728	175,925	177,304	175,653	175,388	- 0.9	- 0.2
Victoria	137,629	137,963	139,140	137,994	136,474	- 0.8	- 1.1
Queensland	32,489	32,473	32,329	32,169	32,182	- 0.5	-
South Australia	45,767	45,668	44,694	44,079	43,256	- 1.4	- 1.9
West. Australia	19,130	18,940	18,262	18,233	17,848	- 0.2	- 2.1
Tasmania	12,891	12,940	13,583	13,545	13,556	- 0.3	+ 0.1
TOTAL	423,634	423,909	425,312	421,673	418,704	- 0.9	- 0.7

TABLE 13 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES - FIVE MAINLAND STATES  
INDUSTRIAL GROUPING

Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 States)				Percentage move- ment in employment	
	July, 1955	May, 1956	June, 1956	July, 1956	May, 1956 - June, 1956	June, 1956 - July, 1956
<b>MALES</b>						
1. Building Materials	34,113	34,049	33,888	33,659	- 0.5	- 0.7
2. Basic Metals	37,668	38,544	38,568	38,691	+ 0.1	+ 0.3
3. Transportation Equipment	59,564	60,956	59,069	57,873	- 3.1	- 2.0
4. Other Metal Manufactures	85,727	84,085	83,504	82,788	- 0.7	- 0.9
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	18,066	18,550	18,406	18,286	- 0.8	- 0.7
6. Clothing and Textiles	32,447	32,641	32,626	32,545	-	- 0.2
7. Food	51,512	49,461	49,974	51,056	+ 1.0	+ 2.2
8. All Other	46,101	45,879	45,710	45,591	- 0.4	- 0.3
Total - All Groups	365,198	364,165	361,745	360,489	- 0.7	- 0.3
Total - Excluding Food	313,686	314,704	311,771	309,433	- 0.9	- 0.7
<b>FEMALES</b>						
1. Building Materials	2,901	3,046	3,007	2,986	- 1.3	- 0.7
2. Basic Metals	2,001	2,005	2,027	2,047	+ 1.1	+ 1.0
3. Transportation Equipment	5,355	5,701	5,500	5,368	- 4.5	- 2.4
4. Other Metal Manufactures	17,909	17,481	17,227	17,147	- 1.5	- 0.5
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,211	4,255	4,271	4,219	+ 0.4	- 1.2
6. Clothing and Textiles	52,046	51,843	51,625	51,296	- 0.4	- 0.6
7. Food	14,326	14,692	14,355	14,176	- 2.3	- 1.2
8. All Other	12,860	12,694	12,700	12,652	-	- 0.4
Total - All Groups	111,609	111,717	110,712	109,891	- 0.9	- 0.7
Total - Excluding Food	97,283	97,025	96,357	95,715	- 0.7	- 0.7

#### IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR

TABLE 14 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA

Index Numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1,000)  
Revised Series (Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index Numbers		Quarter	Index Numbers	
	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing		All Industries (b)	Manufacturing
1945-46	1,000	1,000	1954 -		
1946-47	1,037	1,056	March Quarter	2,491	2,552
1947-48	1,164	1,206	June "	2,477	2,534
1948-49	1,322	1,365	Sept. "	2,522	2,609
			Dec. "	2,524	2,588
1949-50	1,451	1,505	1955 -		
1950-51	1,742	1,810	March "	2,589	2,705
1951-52	2,145	2,213	June "	2,652	2,730
1952-53	2,350	2,394	Sept. "	2,689	2,767
			Dec. "	2,731	2,810
1953-54	2,462	2,511	1956 -		
1954-55	2,572	2,658	March "	2,749	2,819
1955-56	2,743	2,813	June "	2,801	2,857

(a) Includes Salaries. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.

NOTE:- The index numbers for "All Industries" and "Manufacturing" show the movement in average earnings over a period of time. They do not, however, give at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in the two groups.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax Returns and other data. The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1945-46 to 1953-54 is based on the average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. The figures subsequent to June, 1954 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

TABLE 15 : AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is shown in Table 14.

Period	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000)							
1949-50	9,018	6,370	2,838	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950-51	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1955-56	18,955	13,358	5,809	4,195	2,897	1,476	46,690
<u>1953-54</u>							
March Quarter	15,303	10,796	4,818	3,447	2,467	1,250	38,081
June "	16,463	11,619	5,245	3,673	2,644	1,356	41,000
<u>1954-55</u>							
September Quarter	16,765	11,848	5,344	3,750	2,729	1,277	41,713
December "	17,918	12,440	5,612	3,862	2,773	1,345	43,950
March "	16,511	11,678	5,017	3,712	2,610	1,346	40,874
June "	18,235	12,916	5,619	4,033	2,813	1,492	45,108
<u>1955-56</u>							
September Quarter	18,454	12,890	5,765	4,097	2,844	1,414	45,464
December "	19,683	13,664	6,034	4,267	2,980	1,462	48,090
March "	18,229	12,832	5,435	4,057	2,849	1,442	44,844
June "	19,453	14,045	6,002	4,359	2,915	1,587	48,361
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£) (c)							
1949-50	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1955-56	18.16	18.22	15.34	17.10	16.37	16.66	17.51
<u>1953-54</u>							
March Quarter	15.33	15.44	13.47	14.67	14.29	14.48	14.94
June "	16.38	16.48	14.33	15.52	15.20	15.51	15.93
<u>1954-55</u>							
September Quarter	16.60	16.76	14.41	15.86	15.62	14.91	16.14
December "	17.53	17.45	15.14	16.26	15.78	15.51	16.86
March "	16.07	16.20	13.59	15.50	14.86	15.20	15.59
June "	17.64	17.81	14.90	16.73	15.92	16.76	17.07
<u>1955-56</u>							
September Quarter	17.79	17.75	15.16	16.98	16.12	16.11	17.16
December "	18.83	18.68	15.89	17.49	16.82	16.65	18.04
March "	17.46	17.43	14.54	16.43	16.08	16.25	16.81
June "	18.57	19.00	15.75	17.51	16.45	17.61	18.02

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.  
(c) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE:- Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are effected by seasonal influences.

TABLE 16 : AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES

## INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following tables are based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each industrial group in each State is the arithmetical average of the rates of wage payable for classified occupations within that group. The figures for "All Groups" for each State and for each industrial group for Australia are weighted averages.

The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia of all industrial groups for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
31ST MARCH, 1956							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	346	323	308	318	340	330	331
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	328	318	320	311	341	333	323
III. Food, Drink, etc.	333	334	305	323	330	344	327
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	314	315	321	321	326	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	382	374	354	355	392	374	374
VI. Other Manufacturing	334	321	298	319	326	337	324
VII. Building	381	361	339	339	358	353	364
VIII. Mining (c)	338	335	319	303	360	325	336
IX. Rail and Tram Services	354	345	327	316	331	334	341
X. Other Land Transport	331	308	299	301	329	316	317
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	346	348	343	345	345	346	346
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	316	312	279	286	306	302	307
XIV. Miscellaneous	330	323	294	293	320	314	319
All Groups (b) (f)	349	334	320	318	341	342	337
30TH JUNE, 1956							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	351	334	313	329	344	341	338
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	336	328	325	323	345	344	331
III. Food, Drink, etc.	337	343	310	334	334	355	334
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	324	326	332	332	337	324	327
V. Books, Printing, etc.	388	382	362	367	399	386	382
VI. Other Manufacturing	340	330	306	330	334	347	333
VII. Building	385	368	352	350	362	363	371
VIII. Mining (c)	345	343	327	315	360	336	343
IX. Rail and Tram Services	355	350	331	327	336	363	346
X. Other Land Transport	332	318	303	312	333	327	322
XI. Shipping, etc. (e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	323	321	284	297	310	313	314
XIV. Miscellaneous	333	330	298	305	324	325	324
All Groups (b) (f)	354	342	326	329	345	354	344

a) The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are those prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State and exclude district allowances in the gold-mining industry. (d) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are for occupations other than master, officers, and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Not available. (f) For March and June, 1956 the "All Groups" average weekly wage index numbers have been calculated by applying to the "All Groups" index numbers for December, 1955 the percentage movement from December to March, and June respectively, as shown by the index numbers for "All Groups, Excluding XI and XII".

TABLE 17 : AVERAGE NOMINAL HOURLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES, STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following table are based on average wage rates and hours of labour for a fullweek's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each State is the weighted average of the wage rates for each industrial group in the State. The average rate of wage for Australia is the weighted average of the wage rates for each State.

The base of each index number is the weighted average hourly wage for Australia for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Date	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.(b)
31st December, 1938	109	98	109	92	111	94	104
" " 1945	136	133	133	124	138	127	133
" " 1946	146	143	142	132	141	137	143
" " 1947	168	153	139	152	155	149	158
" " 1948	192	188	179	183	190	184	188
" " 1949	206	204	196	197	208	198	203
" " 1950	248	244	228	234	250	239	243
" " 1951	300	290	268	279	300	287	291
" " 1952	338	327	308	322	342	326	329
" " 1953	346	336	316	327	352	341	338
" " 1954	349	340	325	332	353	345	342
31st March, 1955	355	344	328	335	356	349	346
30th June, 1955	355	348	328	336	363	350	348
30th September, 1955	356	351	331	336	370	350	350
31st December, 1955	365	355	334	337	370	350	355
31st March, 1956	368	358	336	337	372	355	358
30th June, 1956	373	367	342	349	375	368	365

(a) Weighted average hourly rates of wage for all industrial groups except Groups XI (Shipping, etc.) and XII (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

#### V. UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 18 : NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, STATES

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Act 1947-1954) which came into effect on 1st July, 1945. From June, 1951 onwards figures are as furnished by the Department of Social Services.

#### Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each Month (a)

Month	N.S.W. (b)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	TAS.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1947 June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
1950 June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
1951 June (d)	246	32	263	3	50	10	457	147	604
1952 June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	6,108	2,186	8,294
1953 June (e)	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	21,552	4,362	25,914
1954 June	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	4,360	1,723	6,083
1955 June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
1955 August	901	367	539	50	248	83	1,324	864	2,188
September	707	327	425	37	256	80	1,136	696	1,832
October	660	294	427	46	215	85	1,067	660	1,727
November	645	277	431	44	216	64	1,046	631	1,677
December	966	356	1,442	56	377	48	2,546	699	3,245
1956 January	1,322	359	2,561	46	414	40	3,958	784	4,742
February	1,937	341	3,371	55	374	50	5,217	911	6,128
March	2,245	350	3,268	64	536	31	5,448	1,046	6,494
April	1,789	566	2,223	88	683	30	4,230	1,149	5,379
May	1,848	760	1,562	141	989	36	4,037	1,299	5,336
June	2,325	1,412	1,270	319	1,606	71	5,395	1,608	7,003
July	3,073	2,515	909	494	2,082	91	7,239	1,925	9,164

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) From May, 1951 to September, 1952 the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet. (e) From October, 1952 the figures represent the number actually on benefit.